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Applicant: Tetsuya KUSAGAWA et al. Conf.: 5643
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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January 7, 2005

Sir:

By way of a communication dated December 23, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the Amendment filed on October 4, 2004, is not fully responsive. The Examiner indicated that claim 3 included language which was both crossed-out and underlined. Applicants have reviewed claim 3 and agree that one word does have this mistake. Accordingly, Applicants have deleted this word from the claim and have included a revised set of claims for the Examiner's convenience. In view of this, Applicants submit that the previous Amendment is responsive. A full examination on the merits is respectfully requested.